

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 15, 26-28, and 30 are pending, with claims 1-3 and 11 being independent. Claims 10, 12, 14, 16-21, 23-25, 29, and 31-35 stand withdrawn. This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-9 and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamazaki (6,365,917, hereinafter the '917 patent). Applicants have amended independent claims 1-3 to obviate this rejection.

As amended, claims 1-3 recite a liquid crystal display device that includes, among other features, an LDD region that entirely overlaps with a first gate electrode and a gate insulating film interposed therebetween and contacts the source and drain regions. Support for this amendment may be found in the application at, for example, pages 20-24 and 24-37. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because the '917 patent fails to describe or suggest an LDD region that entirely overlaps with the first gate electrode with the gate insulating film interposed therebetween and contacts the source and drain regions.

While Yamazaki shows a LDD region 22 that appears to partially overlap with a gate electrode 15, the LDD region does not entirely overlap with a gate electrode and the LDD does not contact the source and drain regions. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of amended independent claims 1-3 and their respective dependent claims.

Claims 11, 13, 15, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yamazaki (the '917 patent) in view of Yamazaki et al. (6,369,410, hereinafter the '410 patent).

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection because claims 11, 13, 15, and 30 of the currently pending application and the '917 patent and '410 patent were, at the time the invention of this application was made, owned by Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd. Thus, the '917 and '410 patents are not proper prior art references against claims 11, 13, 15, and 30. See the enclosed "Statement of Common Ownership" being filed concurrently

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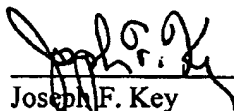
with this amendment on a separate sheet. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of §103(a) rejection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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